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1 1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. _____
1 2 BY DVORSKY, BOLKCOM, and SCHMITZ
1 3 A Resolution honoring Lisa Bluder, Head Coach of the
1 4 University of Iowa's Women's Basketball Team and 2008
1 5 Big Ten Coach of the Year.
1 6 WHEREAS, Lisa Bluder is an Iowa native and a
1 7 graduate of Linn-Mar High School in Marion and of the
1 8 University of Northern Iowa, where she earned a
1 9 bachelor's degree in marketing in 1983; and
1 10 WHEREAS, Coach Bluder was named Missouri Valley
1 11 Coach of the Year three times, in 1995, 1997, and
1 12 1998, while coaching the women's basketball team at
1 13 Drake University; and
1 14 WHEREAS, Lisa Bluder is one of the most respected
1 15 and admired coaches in women's collegiate basketball,
1 16 with an overall record of 504=239 (.679) and 148=97
1 17 (.605) in eight seasons at the University of Iowa; and
1 18 WHEREAS, in her first season with the Black and
1 19 Gold, Ms. Bluder transformed a struggling program into
1 20 a 21-game winner, leading her Hawkeyes to tie for
1 21 second place in the Big Ten and win the Big Ten
1 22 Tournament title in 2001; and
1 23 WHEREAS, Virginia and USA Basketball Head Coach
1 24 Debbie Ryan chose Bluder as an assistant coach to help
1 25 guide Team USA at the 2001 World University Games in
1 26 Beijing, China; and
1 27 WHEREAS, Team USA marched into the gold medal game
1 28 against host team China and won 87=69 and finished the
1 29 2001 World University Games with a 7=1 mark; and
1 30 WHEREAS, Coach Bluder has guided Iowa to five
2 1 upper-division finishes in the Big Ten Conference,
2 2 including winning a share of the league title with
2 3 Ohio State in 2008, and her teams have ranked in the
2 4 top five in Big Ten scoring and assists all eight
2 5 seasons; and
2 6 WHEREAS, student athletes who have played under
2 7 Lisa Bluder have a 100 percent job placement rate
2 8 following their collegiate careers; and
2 9 WHEREAS, all of Coach Bluder's recruited student
2 10 athletes have earned their degrees and three former
2 11 players have become coaches == Randi Peterson as head
2 12 coach at Coe College and Cara Consuegra and Jennie
2 13 Lillis as assistant coaches at Marquette University;
2 14 and
2 15 WHEREAS, Coach Bluder won career game number 500 on
2 16 February 10, 2008, at Penn State, becoming the 35th
2 17 Division I coach to accomplish the feat; and
2 18 WHEREAS, Lisa Bluder is the second most winning
2 19 women's basketball coach at Iowa, behind the
2 20 exceptional Women's Basketball Hall of Fame member C.
2 21 Vivian Stringer; and
2 22 WHEREAS, the 2008 Big Ten Coach of the Year honor
2 23 is Coach Bluder's second at Iowa, the first coming in
2 24 2001, and it is her fifth Big Ten Coach of the Year
2 25 honor overall; NOW THEREFORE,
2 26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
2 27 congratulates Head Coach Lisa Bluder for being named
2 28 2008 Big Ten Coach of the Year and leading the
2 29 Hawkeyes to another successful season, thanks Coach
2 30 Bluder for bringing honor to the University of Iowa
3 1 and the State of Iowa, and wishes Coach Bluder the
3 2 very best in all her future endeavors; and
3 3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon adoption, an
3 4 official copy of this Resolution be prepared for
3 5 presentation to University of Iowa Women's Basketball
3 6 Head Coach Lisa Bluder.
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